

Cestone, Paul

From: eDAT
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 2:53 PM
To: White, Mac; Cestone, Paul
Cc: eDAT; Latham, John; Gimlin, Peter; Sherlock, Scott
Subject: RE: Search for communications with Monsanto, Monsanto personnel and EPA re PCBs
Attachments: FOIA Search for EPA-HQ-2016-002082.docx

Hi All –

Paul and I spent some time going through the FOIA request and drafted a search (attached). We still have a lot of information that is currently missing – specifically, email addresses or correct domain names, etc. In the attached document, all yellow highlighted text are follow up items.

Please also note that the Agency moved from Lotus Notes mail to Outlook Mail in 2013. (The original FOIA request starts in 1995.) All LN files for active employees have been migrated to Outlook and can therefore be searched through our collection tool. LN migration has not been completed for all departed employees. Those custodians mailboxes will not be searched by eDiscovery. As a first step, we'll need to determine which custodians are active vs. departed. I can then confirm with the LN team to see which custodians' migrations have been completed.

Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

Best,
Kristy

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From: White, Mac
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 12:17 PM
To: Cestone, Paul <Cestone.Paul@epa.gov>
Cc: eDAT <eDAT@epa.gov>; Latham, John <Latham.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Search for communications with Monsanto, Monsanto personnel and EPA re PCBs

Paul,

Please work with Kristy and Scott directly and when you have decided on the EPA names to use for the search and other search terms needed such as specific start and stop dates and other keywords, please sent it to me and I will submit into the eDiscovery system ASAP if there are no questions.

Thanks,

Mac

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On Apr 26, 2019, at 12:10 PM, Cestone, Paul <Cestone.Paul@epa.gov> wrote:

While I can't speak for Mac or John, I hope they would agree that, yes, we should set up a call as soon as possible as the requester is waiting for us to provide material as soon as possible.

This is a fairly high priority FOIA that has come through Scott Sherlock and needs to be dealt with in a timely fashion.

My schedule is mostly open and so will be able to accommodate most scheduling suggestions. Please let me know how best to proceed Mac.

Regards, Paul

From: eDAT
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 12:02 PM
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Cc: Cestone, Paul <Cestone.Paul@epa.gov>; Latham, John <Latham.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Search for communications with Monsanto, Monsanto personnel and EPA re PCBs

Thanks, Mac! Just wanted to follow up on this with everyone if it would be helpful to set up a call to walk through this search request.

Best,
Kristy

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From: White, Mac
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 9:48 AM
To: eDAT <eDAT@epa.gov>
Cc: Cestone, Paul <Cestone.Paul@epa.gov>; Latham, John <Latham.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Search for communications with Monsanto, Monsanto personnel and EPA re PCBs

To All:

I am the SPOC for all things OPPT and will be happy to coordinate on this. This is the first I have heard about this FOIA request. John Latham is the OPPT FOIA Coordinator and should be made aware of this search if he doesn't already know about it.

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On Apr 25, 2019, at 9:44 AM, eDAT <eDAT@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Paul/Mac –

Could we schedule some time between today and tomorrow to discuss this search? I am at EPA today and tomorrow and am happy to meet in person, if you'd prefer.

Thank you!

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From: Cestone, Paul
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 12:52 PM
To: Ju, Kristy (Eun-Mi) <ju.eun-mi@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Search for communications with Monsanto, Monsanto personnel and EPA re PCBs

Hello Kristy,

I'm not sure of the SPOC designation it could be Mac White. I'm working remotely today, so I can be reached by phone today at 703-577-9693. Thank you for contacting me and helping get the search requirements in place.

Paul

From: Ju, Kristy (Eun-Mi)
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 10:37 AM
To: Cestone, Paul <Cestone.Paul@epa.gov>
Cc: relativitysupport <relativitysupport@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Search for communications with Monsanto, Monsanto personnel and EPA re PCBs

Hi Paul –

RelSupport forwarded me your email below. OCSPP is one of my eDAT regions and I'm happy to help with this request. Do you know who your Search Point of Contact (SPOC) is? I'm happy to set up a call to clarify your search parameters.

Thank you,
Kristy

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From: relativitysupport
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 10:29 AM
To: Ju, Kristy (Eun-Mi) <ju.eun-mi@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Search for communications with Monsanto, Monsanto personnel and EPA re PCBs

From: Cestone, Paul
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 2:54 PM
To: relativitysupport <relativitysupport@epa.gov>
Subject: Search for communications with Monsanto, Monsanto personnel and EPA re PCBs

Steven,

Below is a description of how we hope to respond to this FOIA. As noted, we in NPCD will do an office search for some of the information. We also need to do an email search through eDiscovery. I attached the notes from Scott Sherlock that has lots of terms that could otherwise be used for the search. However, using too many terms would result in too many hits and be too large a task to deal with.

As such, we want to limit the search to polychlorinated biphenyls, PCBs **AND** Monsanto, and the 23 names listed in the notes under Monsanto with anyone in EPA from 1995 to present (if that date range is available). We feel fairly certain that these few terms actually cover most of the possible exchanges with the relevant EPA staff and any other alternative PCB names. I expect that that limited a search might still produce quite a bit so we think that this would be a good search to start with.

Nonetheless, I value your search abilities so please feel free to look over the attached notes and if you have any suggestions or questions please let me know so we can discuss.

Hopefully this information is enough to get started. Please let me know about how long it might take to get results back.

Thanks, Paul
202-566-0489

Scott,

As discussed in our meeting with Peter Gimlin, you, and me on April 11, in order to get started on a response to FOIA 002082 Peter will perform a search as he has described below, in the NPCD index of its archive. I will also submit an eDiscovery search request for email communications between Monsanto and the names of Monsanto personnel, as noted in the FOIA request of information you provided us, and the EPA personnel noted from 1995 to present.

As you know, eDiscovery searches take some time to get processed and then all the hits will require a two level review before anything can be released in full or with appropriate redactions. As such, at present I can't provide an accurate date of delivery estimate. Nonetheless, we will start the search process this week and I can give you updates on the progress as I am able.

Regards, Paul

Paul Cestone
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From: relativitiesupport
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 3:59 PM
To: Cestone, Paul <Cestone.Paul@epa.gov>; relativitiesupport
<relativitiesupport@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Sorry to bother you - but- I can't find the link to the form to request a search. Please help. Cheers. Paul Cestone 202-566-0489

Good afternoon Paul,

What kind of search are you trying to request, an SCC search or a Relativity workspace search?

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From: Cestone, Paul
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 2:06 PM
To: relativitysupport <relativitysupport@epa.gov>
Subject: Sorry to bother you - but- I can't find the link to the form to request a search. Please help. Cheers. Paul Cestone 202-566-0489